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For	: REPRODUCTION DEVICE	

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 AND
RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of March 25, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on June 25, 2009, the time period for responding having been extended by two months to expire on August 25, 2009 by submission of a request for a two-month extension of time and fee submitted concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Final Office Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a Listing of the Claims beginning on page 2.
Remarks begin on page 4.